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SUBJ: "OFFICIALS" ALSO COLLECTING MONEY IN U.S.

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1. WE HAVE READ SOME INCOMPLETE PRESS REPORTS, AND HEARD SOME ACCOUNTS, TO EFFECT THAT FUNDS ARE BEING RAISED IN U.S. BY "OFFICIAL" SINN FEIN/IRA AS WELL AS BY PROVISIONALS. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY DETAILED REPORT OF OFFICIALS' ACTIVITIES IN U.S.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE ASKED FOR BRIEFING FROM SEAN DONLON, FONOFF CONTACT RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBJECT HERE (AND EX-IRISH CONSUL GENERAL IN BOSTON). HE TOLD US THAT HE BELIEVED OFFICIALS HAD ALSO COLLECTED SIGNIFICANT SUMS IN U.S., THOUGH MUCH LESS THAN PROVOS. IRISH-AMERICANS WERE LESS SYMPATHETIC TO OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF THEIR MARXIST ORIENTATION. OFFICIALS, BY SAME TOKEN, DO NOT TRY AS HARD AS THEY MIGHT IN U.S. BECASUE THEIR IDEOLOGY MAKES IT EMBARRASSING FOR THEM TO ASK HELP OF "REACTIONARY CAPITALISTS." NEVERTHELESS, OFFICIALS EXPLOIT TRADITIONAL AMERICAN CONNECTION WITH SOME SUCCESS. MAIN ORGANIZATION FOR  
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SUPPORTING OFFICILS MAY BE "IRISH REPUBLICAN AID

COMMITTEE," WHICH IS ACTIVE IN AT LEAST NEW YORK AND BOSTON. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING OFFICIALS ARE NATIONAL ASSN FOR IRISH FREEDOM AND FRIENDS OF IRISH FREEDOM. AMERICAN ORGANIZER FOR SINN FEIN IS SEAN KENNY, WHO OFTEN USES IRISH GAELIC SPELLING SEAN O CIONNAITH.

3. DONLON ALSO SAID GOI BELIEVES THAT SOME OF MONEY COLLECTED BY OFFICIALS IS DIVERTED TO VIOLENCE IN NI. OFFICIALS HAVE CARRIED OUT SOME VIOLENT ACTS IN THEIR OWN NAME AS "REPRISALS." IN ADDITION, DONLON SAYS THAT, IN A FEW CASES--COUNTY TYRONE BEING BEST EXAMPLE--OFFICIALS AND PROVISIONALS COOPERATE SO CLOSELY THAT IT IS DIFFICULT DISTINGUISH CLEAR DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THEM. IN OTHER CASES, OFFICIALS ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH PROVOS BUT ARE STOCKPILING GUNS FOR THEIR OWN FUTURE USE. GUNS ARE USUALLY BURIED. GIVEN DAMPNESS OF IRISH SOIL, IT IS EASY SEE WHY PROVOS REFER SCORNFULLY TO OFFICIALS AS "THE RUSTIES." FROM POINT OF VIEW OF AMERICAN POLICY, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ASSUME OFFICIALS' GUNS WILL REMAIN RUSTY.

4. DEPT MAY HAVE BETTER INFO ON THIS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, HOWEVER, WE NOW INCLINED BELIEVE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADD SOME MEMBERS OF "OFFICIALS" SINN FEIN"IRA TO LIST OF PRESUMED VISA INELIGIBLES, AS DISCUSSED IN REFTELS.  
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